

# Secondary Diagnostic Assessments

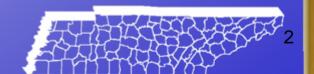
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#### **ACT or College Board Products**

- ACT EPAS
  - ACT for 11th Grade
  - PLAN for 10th Grade
  - Explore for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- College Board
  - SAT for 11th Grade
  - PSAT for 8th and 10th Grade







ACT

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# Getting Ready for the ACT for Tennessee Statewide Test Wednesday, April 22, 2009

#### Benefits of Weekday Test Administration

- Raises awareness and exposure among all students, rather than just self-selected, college-bound students
- Is a great equalizer of opportunity.
   Primarily, it brings more males, more minorities, and more middle- and low-income students to the enrollment pipeline
- Students will test in a comfortable and familiar environment

#### Benefits of Weekday Test Administration

- High Schools and Districts will receive comprehensive reporting
- Students who test with ACT- Approved Accommodations and Standard Time will receive college reportable scores
- Provides the opportunity for students to test with ACT-Approved and State-Allowed Accommodations

#### **ACT for Tennessee Statewide Test**

- April 22, 2009 -- Test Date
- April 22 May 6, 2009 Testing window for students with ACT-Approved and State-Allowed accommodations
- 1. All Grade 11 students will have the opportunity to take the ACT in their home school environment during the school day.
- 2. The April weekday ACT Assessment will be invoiced directly to LEA's in late Spring.
- 3. BEP Formula funds are allocated to each LEA for this assessment.
- 4. Cost incurred above the BEP Formula allocation are reimbursable as defined by the TN ACT Reimbursement protocol.

#### **ACT College Reportable Scores**

- Students testing Standard Time or with ACT- Approved Accommodations will receive college reportable scores 3-7 weeks following statewide test administration
- Students also have the option for these scores to be sent to 4 colleges or scholarship agencies at no additional cost to state or student
- College Reportable Scores are available to view online 1-2 months after test date

## **Step 1: Establishment Process:**

Establishing your school as a *test site* for the Tuesday, April 22, 2009 test administration

#### **Timeline**

Early October	Establishment Packets sent to school principals
October 24, 2008	Establishment Packets due back to ACT
November 3, 2008	Test Accommodations Information packet and Accommodation forms mailed to Test Accommodations Coordinator

## Step 1: Establishment Process

#### **School Administration Responsibilities**

Principal or designee must...

- Consider staffing requirements and select staff to serve as a Test Supervisor (TS), Back-Up Test Supervisor (BU), and Test Accommodations Coordinator (TAC)
- Complete and return Establishment Packet
- Share information in Establishment Packets with assigned staff
- Beginning planning for testing rooms/facilities with Test Supervisor

## Step 2: Training Workshops

- All Test Supervisors, Back-up Test
  Supervisors and Test Accommodations
  Coordinators are required to attend a half
  day test administration training workshop
- The training workshop will review the standard testing requirements and the test administration / test accommodations process

## Step 2: Training Workshops

Appointed staff will sign-up for a workshop online

Nashville	January 13, 2009
Jackson	January 14, 2009
Memphis	January 15, 2009
Johnson City	January 21, 2009
Knoxville	January 22, 2009
Chattanooga	January 23, 2009

#### **Step 3: Request Accommodations**

- ACT-Approved Accommodations will be available to students for the statewide test administration
- A DVD will be provided for the Test
   Accommodations Coordinator to learn details
   about the accommodations process
- Accommodations procedures and request forms to be mailed to schools in late fall

## Step 4: Materials Shipped

- Test Supervisor will provide ACT with enrollment numbers and shipping information
- Pretest materials are shipped 5 weeks prior to test date to Test Supervisor
- Test materials will arrive one week prior to test date
- Accommodations materials will be sent to Test Accommodations Coordinator

## **Step 5: Test Administration**

 Schools conduct pretest session prior to test day (Early March- April 21)

Test Date- April 22, 2009

 ACT customer service will be available extended hours to answer questions during the test administration

## Step 6: Materials Returned

 ACT will arrange for prepaid pick-up of test materials following the assessment.
 Schools do not need to arrange for shipping.

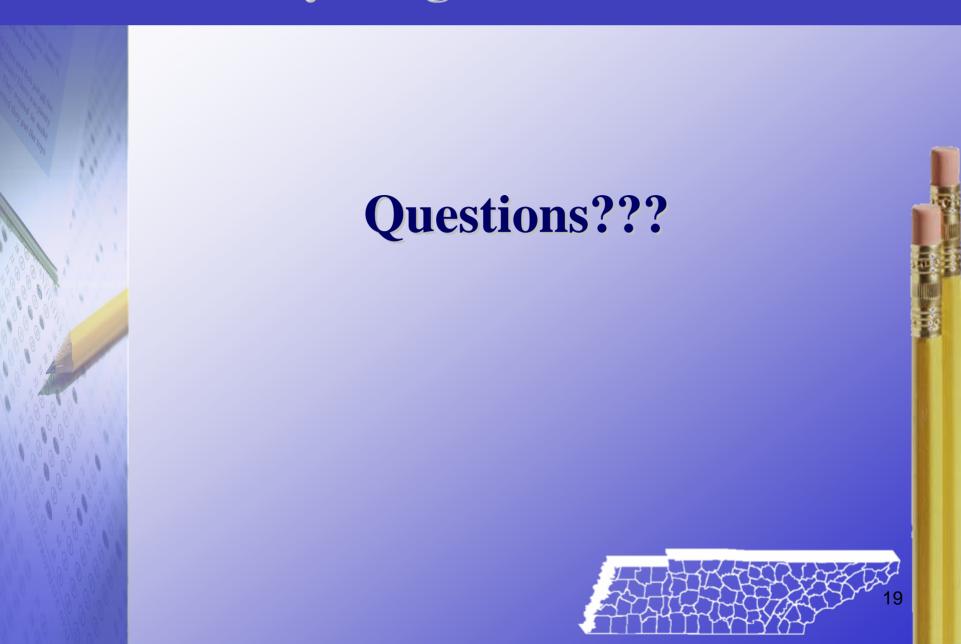
## Reporting

- Student Score Report
- High School Profile Report
- College Readiness Standards Report
- District High School Profile Report
- District College Readiness
- District Student Data File

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